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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

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THIS LOOKS GOOD

"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY."

Ben Franklin, or whoever it was who first gave voice to the caption of this article, understood human nature. It is as true of extension work as of any other activity.

County Agent W. P. Thomas in Weber County, Utah, recognizes the value of play in extension work. Last year his county had a committee on social activities with a project leader in charge. One goal of this committee was the organization of a county farm bureau base-ball league. In his annual report Mr. Thomas says:

"In May the chairman of social activities called a meeting of all the committeemen of social activities for the purpose of organizing a county base ball league. At this meeting it was soon determined that there were too many communities to successfully compete in one league, so steps were taken to organize an "A" and "B" league. Constitution, by-laws, and other regulations were adopted. Officers were selected for the base-ball teams. Nine teams for each league qualified and completed the season. The communities which entered teams, supported the players with finances and enthusiasm. It was handled similar to any other project. Reports were made to the county office of each game by the captain of the team, giving the place of the game played, the score, the players and attendance. No credit was given where a written report was not received. This information was tabulated each Saturday and a special report given the local Sunday paper. The winning teams in the two leagues closed the season with percentages of 937, each team losing but one game. Thirty-two sweaters were awarded the winning players.

Results of the project: Eighteen teams, 300 farmer boys played 319 games, supplying wholesome amusement to 85,000 people. Plans have been formed to continue this project another year and to develop a basket-ball project."

This is one way of helping to keep young men interested in rural life.

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